

# List of vampiric creatures in folklore

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This list covers the many types of vampires or vampire-like legendary creatures of global folklore. It does not include any vampire that originates in a work of fiction.

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- Abchanchu (Bolivia)<sup>[1]</sup>
- Abere (Melanesia)<sup>[2]</sup>
- Abhartach (Ireland) <sup>[3][4]</sup>
- Adéla (Czechia)<sup>[5]</sup>
- Adze (Ghana)<sup>[6]</sup>
- Alp (Germany)<sup>[7]</sup> – Variations throughout the world.<sup>[8]</sup>
- Andreea Trifas (Romania)
- Aniukha (Mongolia, China)<sup>[9]</sup>
- Arnold Paole (Serbia)
- Asanbosam (Ashanti people)<sup>[10]</sup>
- Asema (Surinam)<sup>[11]</sup>
- Asiman (Ashanti people)<sup>[12]</sup>
- Aswang (Philippines)<sup>[13]</sup>
- Aufhocker (Germany)<sup>[5]</sup>
- Azeman (Ashanti people)

## B

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- Badmaarag (Mongolia)<sup>[14]</sup>
  - also called Baadai
- Baital (India) – Variations: Baitala, Baitel, Baitol, Bay Valley, Katakhanoso, Vetal, Vetala<sup>[15]</sup>
- Bajang (Malaysia)
- Baka (Haitian Vodou)<sup>[16]</sup> – Variant: Benin
- Bantu (India) – There are three main kinds of this vampire including:
  - Bantu Dodong
  - Bantu Parl
  - Bantu Saburo
- Baobhan Sith (Highlands of Scotland)
- Berbalang (Philippines)
- The Berwick Vampire (England<sup>[17]</sup>)
- Bezkost ((Slavic))
- Bhayangkara (Tibet)
- Bhūta (India)

- Bibi (the [Balkans](#))
- The [Blow Vampire](#) (1706 Kadam, [Bohemia](#))
- [Blutsauger](#) (Germany) – Variant: Blutsäuger
- Boraro – [Colombian folklore](#)
- [Brahmaparush](#) (India)
- [Breslan Vampire](#) (17th Century [Breslau](#), Poland)
- [Bruja](#) (Spain and Central America)
- [Bruxa](#) (Portugal) – Males being called Bruxo
- the [Buckinghamshire Vampire](#) (1196 [Buckinghamshire](#), England)
- Burach Bhadi (Scotland)<sup>[18]</sup>

## C

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- [Cadaver Sanguins](#) – England
- [Callicantzaro](#) – Greece
- [Camazotz](#) – [Maya](#) Mythology
- [Canchus](#) – [Peru](#) also spelled:
  - Pumapmicuc
- [Cat Marinescu](#) – [Romanian](#)
- [Catacano](#) – [Crete](#)
  - also spelled [Kathakano](#)
- [Cihuateteo](#) – [Aztec](#) Mythology
- [Chedipe](#) – [India](#)
- [Children of Judas](#) – [Bulgaria](#) and [Serbia](#)
- [Chonchon](#) – [Latin America](#)
- [Chordewa](#) – [Bengal](#)
- [Chupacabra](#) – Originated in [Puerto Rico](#); subsequent reports (some erroneous) in [Brazil](#), [Chile](#), [Mexico](#), [The United States of America](#)
- [Churel](#) – [India](#)
  - also spelled [Churail](#)
- [Cihuacoatl](#) – [Aztec](#)
- [Cihuateteo](#) – [Mexico](#)
- [Croglin Grange](#), The Vampire of – [Cumberland](#), [England](#)

## D

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- [Dachnavar](#) – [Armenia](#) with the following spelling variations:
  - [Dakhanavar](#)
- [Dala-Kumara Yaka](#) – [Sri Lanka](#)
- [Danag](#) – [Philippines](#)
- [Danava](#)
- [Dearg-due](#) (Ireland) (dubious) – variations: Deamhain Fhola, Deamhan Fola, Dearg-Dililat, Dearg-Diulai, Dearg-dul, Dearg Dulai, Derrick-Daily, Headless Coach (“Coach a Bower”), Marbh Bheo (“night walking dead”)<sup>[19]</sup> <sup>[20]</sup>

- Dhampire (Slovakia) with the following variations in spelling:
  - Dhampyr
  - Dhampiresa
  - Dampyr
- Dila – Philippines
- Djadadjii – Bulgaria<this is a vampire hunter>
- Doppelsauger – Germany also spelled:
  - Doubblesuger or Dubbelsügger
- Draugr – Norse Variations: Aptgangr (“one who walks after death”), Aprtgangr, Barrow Dweller, Gronnskjegg, Haubui, Haugbui (“Sleeper in the Mound”) Has two main versions land and sea.<sup>[21]</sup>

## E

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- Edimmu – Sumer \ Iraq with the following spelling variation:
  - Ekimmu
- Empusa – Ancient Greece which is also called:
  - Mormolykiai
  - Empusas
- Eretik – Russia<sup>[22]</sup>
- Estrie – Jewish Tradition

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- Fifollet – United States (Louisiana) also spelled:
  - Feu Follet

## G

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- Gashadokuro – Japan
- Glaistig (Scotland)
- Garkain (Australia)
- Jure Grando (Croatia) first real person described as a vampire in historical records
- Ghoul (Arabic lore) – "The Arabic stories of the ghoul spread east and were adopted by the people of the Orient, where it evolved as a type of vampiric spirit called a ghoul."<sup>[23]</sup>  
Variants: Alqul (Arabia),<sup>[24]</sup> Aluga (Bible; Proverbs 30:15),<sup>[25]</sup> Balbal (Tagbanua, Philippines),<sup>[15]</sup> Ghoulas (Algeria);<sup>[23]</sup> Katacan (Sri Lanka).<sup>[26]</sup>

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- Hannya – Japan
- Haubui – Norwegian
- Haidam Vampire – Romania (Hungary, before 1918)
- The Highgate Vampire – Highgate Cemetery England

- Hisi-Hsua-Kuei – China
- Hi'ilei – Hawaii
- hooh-strah-doooh – Wyandot – North America
- Hupia – Taíno with the spelling variations:
  - opia
  - opi'a
  - op'a
  - operi'to

## I

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- Impundulu (South Africa)
  - plural iimpundulu
  - also called ishologu
- Incubus/Succubus (Medieval Europe)
- Inovercy (Russia)
- Iso-onna – Japan

## J

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- Jenglot – Indonesian and Malaysian
- Jiangshi – China, also under the names of:
  - Kiang shi
  - Kuang shi
  - Chang Kuei
  - Cương Thi
- Jaques Saint Germain - United States, Louisiana
- Jigarkhwar – India
  - also spelled Jigarkhor
- Joint-eater – Irish
  - also called Alp-luachra
- Jubokko – Japan
- Jure Grando – Croatia

## K

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- K'uei – China
- Kalu-Kumara Yaka – Sri Lanka
- Kappa 河童 – Japan with the following spelling variations:
  - Gataro 川太郎
  - Kawako 川子
- Kasha – Japan

- Kataknana – Crete
- Katelyn Bergan – Norway
- Kichkandi – Nepal
- Kephn – Burma
- Kravopiec – Bulgarian
- Kudlak – Czechoslovakia
- Kumiho – Korea
- Kukudhi – Albania
- Kyuuketsuki 吸血鬼 – Japan
- karalanos – Egypt

## L

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- Laistrygones – Ancient Greece, also under the names of:
  - Laestrygones
  - Laistrygonians
  - Laestrygonians
- La Llorona – Central America and the United States
- Lamashtu – Mesopotamia
- Lamia – Libya
- Lampire – Bosnia
- Lane Johnston – United States
- Langsuir – Malaysia, also under the names of:
  - Langsuyar
  - Pontianak
  - Kuntilanak
- Leanashe – Ireland (dubious)<sup>[27]</sup>
- Lemures – Ancient Rome
- Leyak – Indonesia
- Liebava – Moravia
- Lidérc – Hungary
- Lilith – Sumer \ Iraq, with another name of:
  - Lilitu
- Linda Appleby – Australia
- Loango – Ashanti and Asanbosam people, Africa<sup>[28]</sup>
- Lobisomem – South America\Brazil
- Loogaroo – Caribbean Islands \ Mauritius
- Lugat – Albania, also under the name of:
  - Liogat
  - Kukuthi

## M

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- Mamba Mutu - Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Manananggal – Philippines also spelled:
  - Tanggal
- Mandurugo – Philippines
- Mara – Slavonic also spelled:
  - Mora
- Mati-Anak – Malaysia also spelled:
  - Pontianak
- The Melrose Vampire – Melrose Abby, Scotland
- Melusine – France
- The Mikonos Vampire – Greece 1702
- Mmbyu – India also spelled or an early form of:
  - Pocu Pati
- Mosquito Man - Native American, Pacific Northwest
- Mullo – Romani the plural being Mulé, with the following spelling variation:
  - Mullo
- Muroni – Romania
- Mjertovjec – Belarus
- Meçkey/Meczik – Turkic peoples

## N

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- Nachzehrer – Germany with the following possible spelling variations:
  - Neuntöter
  - Nachtöter
- Nelapsi – Slovakia
- Nora – Hungary
- Nukekubi – Japan
- Nure-onna – Japan

## O

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- Obayifo – Ashanti
- Obur – Bulgaria
- Ohyn – Poland
- Ol' Higue – Jamaica
- Opyrb – Slavic with the following spelling variation:
  - Opirb

## P

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- Pacu Pati – India

- Papinijuwari – Australia
- Pelesit – Malaysia
- Penanggal – Malaysia
- Petar Blagojevich – Serbia
- Peuchen – Chile
- Pricolici - Romania
- Pichal Peri – India
- Pichas – Nepal
- Pishtaco – South America, Peru
- Pontianak – Malaysia

## R

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- Rakshasa – India
- Raktha pisachi – India
- Ramanga – Madagascar
- Revenants – England
- Richmond Vampire – Richmond, Virginia, USA
- Riri Yaka – Sri Lanka
- Ruza Vlajna – Serbia

## S

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- Sava Savanović – Serbia
- Shtriga – Albania
- Sigbin – Philippines
- Soucouyant – Trinidadian Guadeloupean it has the spelling variation:
  - Souciant
- Strigoi – Romania with the following variations:
  - Strigoaica
  - Moroi
- Strix – Ancient Rome with the following spelling variations:
  - Striga
  - Stirge
  - Strige
- Strzyga – Slavic
- Suangi – New Guinea
- Sukuyan – Caribbean
- Succubus – Judeo-Christian
- Sybaris – Greece

## T

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- Talamaur – Australia

- Thayé – Burma with the spelling variation:
  - Tasei
- Tlahuelpuchi – Mexico with the following spelling variation:
  - Tlaciques

## U

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- Ubour – Bulgaria
- Upier – Poland
  - Vjesci (pronounced as "vyeskee")
  - Njetop (pronounced as "nyetop")
  - Wupji (pronounces as "woopyee")
  - Ohyn
- Upír – Slovakia
- Upir – Ukraine though could be linked to:
- Upyr – Russia
- Uruku – Mesopotamia
- Ustrel – Bulgaria
- Utukku – Iraq

## V

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- Vampire pumpkins and watermelons (Balkan)
- vampiros (Brazil and Portugal)
- Vapir (Bulgaria)
- Vârcolac (Romania) – variations: Pricolici and Varcolaci
- Vârkolak (Bulgaria)
- Vendalla (Ethiopia)
- Vetalas (India)
- Vhlik'h dlaka (Greece)
- Vipir
- Vjesci (Poland)
  - Opji
  - Wupji
- Vampir (Serbia, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, Bosnia and Croatia)
- Vlkodlak (Siberia) – Variants: Volkodlak, Volkoslak<sup>[29]</sup>
- Vrykolakas βρυκόλακας (Greece) – variation: Vorvolakas
- Vrykolatios (Santorini)

## W

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- Wak Wak (Philippines)
- Wampir (Poland)

- Wurdulac (Russia) has a spelling variation:

- Verdilak

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## Y

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- Yama – Tibet, Nepal and Mongolia
- Yara-ma-yha-who – Australia
- Yaka – Sri Lanka
- Yaksha – Sri Lanka, India

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- Zaloznye Pokojniki – Russia
- Zorfabio – New Zealand
- Zaolas – Brazil

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